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CRASH KILLS TORRANCE WOMAN

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a lowering of living costs, rather than wage increases, would help balance the average budget? This question was asked five people in the Torrance area for today's column.

Will Caylor, 3553 Talisman St., market employee:

"As food is the greatest living expense to people who live in the cities, and also the fact that I deal in retail food sales, I think the cost of living will have to drop before there can be a balance with wages."

Sally Smales, 2617 W. 175th St., office receptionist:

"I just went to work for the first time last June and have been on my own since. I have had one wage increase during this time but still have to skimp to make ends meet. I favor the lowering of living costs."

Mrs. D. F. Conner, Redondo Beach, housewife:

"I am not employed, but I pay the bills so I know where the money goes. Pay increases don't help, especially when my husband has to sit out long strikes. I say let's lower the cost of living and get back to normal."

Jimmy Goodson, Compton, disposal service employee:

"I don't know, but I just can't seem to make it. Every time I get a raise my wife has another baby and I'm back in hock again. Maybe there's something wrong with this thing, and maybe I just don't know for sure."

George Fleming, Los Angeles, plastic products salesman:

"I don't think the lowering of either salary or cost of living will solve this problem. I believe the wage cut should be at the top of the executives. This, in its self would cut the cost of living considerable."

Rate for Office Overtime: \$500

Someone who might have called home to say he was working a little late at the office Saturday night is being sought by police today.

Police discovered Sunday morning that someone had broken into the Branch Office, a cocktail bar at 2320 Torrance Blvd., and taken about \$500 from the cash register, juke box, and cigarette machine.

POLISH FAMILY FETED

Torrance answered a call for help and came to the aid of a brother and his family. This brother is Stanley Wonsik, his wife Marion; three daughters, Alicia, Teresa and Kathy, make up his family.

As a result of a story appearing in the Torrance HERALD Dec. 17 telling of Wonsik's need for employment, he received three days work with Langendorf Bakery and had had many telephone calls from interested people with suggestions where he might find a permanent job. From these prospects, one yet to come, he hopes to soon be working and supporting his family.

THE TORRANCE Y.M.C.A., members of the P.T.A. and a group of neighbors combined in an effort to make sure the Wonsik's had an American Christmas this year.

They surprised this Polish family, who have been in this country but a few months and are living with Stanley Wonsik's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fowler at 2703 W. 164th St., and showered them with gifts and food Wednesday night.

WONSIK DIDN'T remember his mother, and had never seen his sister until he came from behind the Iron Curtain in Poland with his wife and three daughters. He speaks very little English and as the "good angels," as he described his visitors, left, he spoke rapidly in Polish and when he finished his sister told the group: "What Stanley said was, 'It has been a good Christmas and the New Year is bright. Bless America and the friendly people of Torrance.'"

Secret City Sessions Get Legal Status

The city council can consider commission appointments in secret without violating state law, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled this week.

Responding to a request from Mayor Albert Isen for a written opinion on the subject of excluding the public and newspapers during discussions of commission appointments, Remelmeier said the consideration of dismissal and appointment could be made in secret, "although their appointment and dismissal as a final act must be made in open council meeting."



CHRISTMAS IN TORRANCE . . . Y.M.C.A. and P.T.A. members joined neighbors in bringing gifts and food to a family in need last Wednesday. Seated are Alicia, Teresa and Kathy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wonsik, (standing center), who have just arrived in this

country from behind the Iron Curtain in Poland. On each side of the Wonsiks are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fowler, and son Michael, in whose home at 2703 W. 164th St., The Polish family are guests until employment is found for the father. (Herald Photo)



PROGRAM PREVIEW . . . Miss Ruth St. Denis and some of the dancers who will appear with her Tuesday and Wednesday evening strike a pose from the Christmas ballet, "Blue Madonna of St. Mark's." The program featuring the music of the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony, will be presented at the Redondo Beach High School auditorium.

Ruth St. Denis to Appear In Civic Symphony Festival

World famous dancer Ruth St. Denis and a troupe of 50 dancers will be featured Tuesday and Wednesday in the annual holiday program by the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony Orchestra.

Don Gish, actor and dancer, will narrate the performance which is scheduled each evening at 8 in the Redondo Beach High School auditorium.

Miss St. Denis' program for the two-night festival is a ballet built around the music of ancient carols and compositions of Giovanni Gabrieli, organist at the 15th Century St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice.

She calls her production, "Blue Madonna of St. Mark's." It opened to high critical acclaim in the east earlier this year.

Christmas music will be played during the festival by the 70-piece orchestra under the direction of Miss Elyse Aehle of Palos Verdes Estates.



YOUNG MERCHANTS . . . Connie Sudmeier, 12, set up a "pitch table" in front of her home at 2708 Torrance Blvd. before Christmas to sell some old things in order to raise cash to buy new ones. She said she raised \$2 last year by this method. Jerry and William Hargrove, neighbors, assist in the venture. (Herald Photo)

Officer Dies In Collision Going Home

A North Torrance woman, mother-in-law of a sheriff's deputy, was killed in an Inglewood crash Christmas evening.

Mrs. Doloretta Melcher, 58, of 4135 W. 175th Place, was dead on arrival at an Inglewood hospital after a collision at Florence and La Brea Aves. in Inglewood.

Mrs. Melcher was riding with Deputy Wesley English, 28, and his wife, Earlee English, 22, when the auto collided with one driven by R. D. Cook, 20, of Hawthorne.

English, his wife, and Cook all suffered minor injuries in the accident.

In another area accident, Robert J. Sweet, 29, of Lake-wood, a motorcycle police officer for the Los Angeles Harbor Division, was killed in Wilmington as he was enroute home from duty. The driver of the second car was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter.

Christmas Accident Injures 4

George E. Terango, 35, of 18510 Illinois Court, was treated at Harbor General Hospital Thursday after being involved in a traffic collision at Western Ave. and 207th St., police said. Terango was treated for injuries from glass fragments in his left hand and possible broken ribs.

Driver of the other car was listed as Lloyd M. Hughes, 35, of Artesia.

Neither driver was cited. Four persons were injured Christmas morning in an auto crash at Torrance and Anza Blvds.

Police said the injured victims were Mrs. Gladys Mayo, wife of driver William H. Mayo, 64, of 128 Paseo de las Delicias; Hugh Smock; Richard DeYoung, Hawthorne; and Ruth Kelly, mother of driver Sidney Young, 21.

Police said Mrs. Kelly suffered cuts on her chin, left foot, and right ear. Smock received a forehead cut and Mrs. Mayo suffered an injured left heel.

DeYoung's auto sustained major damage after crashing against a shed owned by Joe Corsaro, 4631 Torrance Blvd.

Rutherford Named Ryan Vice-President

G. W. Rutherford, manager of Ryan Electronics, a division of Ryan Aeronautical Company, has been named a Vice President of the corporation, it was announced today.

Rutherford has been an officer of the Ryan company since 1955 when he was appointed Assistant Controller. He was made manager of Ryan Electronics when it became an integrated separate division of the company several years ago.



MISS RUTH ST. DENIS "Blue Madonna of St. Mark's."



DON GISH . . . To Narrate Program

Offers Scholarship

Announcement of a \$2000 college scholarship to be awarded in this area by the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union was made this week by R. T. Baumann, secretary-treasurer of OCAW Local 1-519.

Brochures describing the scholarships which are available to sons and daughters of members of the union and application blanks can be obtained from Local 1-519 by writing the Local, P. O. Box 264-Torrance.

OCAW is awarding four scholarships each year, three in the United States and one in Canada, each of them worth \$2000 for a four-year college course. Purpose of the program

the Denver, Colorado based union said, is "to encourage the young men and women of our union to help prepare themselves for positions of leadership and service, both to themselves and to our society."

The scholarships are to be awarded on the basis of scores on a competitive examination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board of Princeton, N. J. Final selection of winners will be made by an independent board of prominent educators selected by the University of Denver.

Eligible high school seniors who are planning on entering college in the fall of 1960 should send in their applications for the scholarships now Baumann said.